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PEACE, A POLITICAL JOKE.

Will there really be a peace when all the allied powers have met and held peace caucuses, and smiled at each other, grown jealous of the wisdom of each other, discussed every crevice of the peace fabric, and listened to a thousand phrases of rhetoric, gilded logic with the fine flourish of oratory, and joyous human touches of maudlin sentimentality? Well, I hardly think not. There isn't going to be any peace, altho 1900 years ago the Angel of Peace came down from the swirling clouds out of the transparent ether of heaven, saying, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

"The purification of politics is but an iridescent dream," said John J. Ingalls. Politics is ruling the world today, and is holding high carnival at the Peace table in gay old Paris, and talk as they will, conjuring up those rich graces of friendship, cutting the world garment of peace to satisfy the wishes, hopes and aims of the several governments greatly interested, is the mad action of fools.

There is too little of that homogeneity in either of the old world nations to abide by any rule of action set up at a table surrounded by the leading politicians of the world, to approach or arrive at satisfactory conclusions appertaining to a multiplicity of principles governing each separate nation.

Pretend as statesmen may that they love each other, and can much a common ground on which all may stand, seriously and sincerely wishing and hoping for each every coveted blessing, is but one of the ugly forms of their human nature, gloved and festoned by a wreaking putrid hypocrisy as old as mankind.

The probability of peace is giving the statesmen of the world some exercise in their portrayal of excellent intentions, behind which they camouflage a heterogeneous mass of mans inhumanity.

Their words are like gold, yet, but reinforced by every wretched invention of death-dealing, the mechanical facility of man may devise or human intellect contrive, we are absolutely incapable of understanding how it all may come to pass. Already we hear much of what this and that nation has determined shall stand as law and gospel. One big nation wants something it does not want another nation to have, and it seems that a principle in human nature is to dominate the whole affair, that shall take who have the power, let others keep who can."

Denying, defying, and defiling are the mad consequences of modern statesmanship run rampant.

The Dove of Peace may light there around that Peace table in France, but I am sure my knowledge of human nature does not mislead me to hope it will be given a very long life.

The world will scarcely ever be

safe for any righteous principle as long as men are lynched without the tribunal of courts and judges, as long as one man on earth shall be second because of his color, and as long as the principles for which Lincoln and Sumner, John Brown and Lovejoy died are not respected and not regarded as the Gibraltar Rock, of the Golden Rule, we cannot hope, nor even anticipate the law and order of a nobler hour to come to the nations.

Jim Crow, Klu Klux, redneck out-lawry, burning human beings alive, wrapped in the meshes of red hot wire. Black women lynched by the feet, their eyes pierced with red hot poker, while amid mournful screams of agony stabbed until their bowels protrude to the ground, then worse than all infamy and all crime, the unborn infants head, crushed by the heel of a devil who never knew the decency of motherhood. This awful orgy of finds, worse than the reaches of brutes! What a sample of civilization this presents, and they tell us we may go to Europe and foster propaganda of Peace and upstartishly contend for a safety of Democracy. Elements in our nations life absolutely denied the rights of petition, denied to be heard, while the slaughter continues. There won't ever be any peace until the races of mankind take the sense they have and use it. There won't be any peace until the spirit grows large to meet the oppressor and give him a few lessons on reciprocity, and keep on giving him such lessons of reciprocity.

RAMPANT SAVAGERY.

Lynching any one or a dozen men and women has become quite a fad in the South, and sometimes it is done in the North on a large scale. What is it that arouses men to such madness? This is asked because lynching is not done nowadays only, for some ugly accusation against some helpless Negro. Someone some day will take the pains to go to the very root of this mad folly. Should one take the real facts that cause this perversion of lawlessness against Negroes, he would find that some Negro has struck a white man, or disputed some white man, or that some white man has meddled around some colored man's home, or with his daughters, or that some colored man's son has whipped some white man's son, or that some Negro has accumulated property, educated his children and by the process of frugal living has got on in life better than hundreds of his white neighbors. In fact, there are at least one thousand reasons why the thousands of Negroes have been lynched in the South, no one of which could not have escaped by being tried by law for doing nothing, or the little something to create a turbulency in the heart of devils.

Lynching seems to be getting worse at ever the South. People

seem to have become brutal and resort to brute force in the burning of Negroes for the excitement and the pleasure only brutes can have.

We do not believe the Negro will very much longer tolerate the mob. Already there seems to be a spirit among Negroes to die fighting for the privilege of living.

It is a great wonder that the torch has not been lighted in a thousand cities of the South by Negro men, who smart under the misrule and prosecution of the infamous mob fool.

The Negro has stood what no other race of men would stand, and it is not to their credit that they have exercised toleration and patience in the face of this fury of hellish outlawry.

The Italians would have burned the South down to ashes. The Jews would have bankrupted the South with fines and damage executions of financial judgment. A hundred potential forces would be operating day and night to bring the lawless brutes to justice, but the Negro has so infernal much of the wrong kind of religious piety and zeal, that he abides his time by long suffering.

The standard of the Negro is rising steadily. Young Negroes do not think the peacefulness their fathers boasted of is worth a farthing. They are beginning to believe that an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth is righteous gospel and to practice it on the oppressor's head is the only remedy.

The redneck brutes of the southern states will ere long find that their houses are ashes, and their stomachs empty, because migration is the beginning of their ills, and vacant fields produce nothing to feed the lustful cunning of a cruel death-ridden land wreaking with the cowardice of fiends in human form.

When once the torch has lighted up the seven hills of seven southern cities, night after night, and fire has destroyed their citidels, it will confuse their counselors, and councils, and sage wisdom will get its first chance in many years to advocate race peace and kindlier spirit, and nobler humane hearts toward the Negro. It is up to the Negro himself.

Many will lose their lives, yes, but in a noble cause of great humane concern to twelve millions of people running and frightened merely because they refuse to stop and fight.

Men have been fighting and dying ever since creation for principles. We've got to lay down a hundred thousand lives, and redder every southern city with the blood of the two races before the bewildered devil of the redneck region will be brought to his senses. The virtue and honor of our girls are worth a million lives.

REWARD.

Are you to be paid for the good you do? Well, yes, you certainly will be paid. If you do good here, you will be paid for your good work here, and maybe hereafter. But the reward while you live is very worthwhile. Tune your mental acumen to the needs of your environment and sharpen your personal interest, keep alive and awake the spirit of the times, and allow your alert disposition to co-ordinate with the needs as you see them, then go to it with all your heart, and your reward is sure. If it is money you seek it shall be paid you, if it is honor you seek it will come when you least expect it, if it is favor you will deserve it, if it is a good name you will find it four-fold better than riches and fine raiment.

The justness of things knows no one by what he calls himself, but by his good works. Don't imagine that a future reward is laid up for you unless you can throw off the robe of selfishness, and self-righteousness. God is just as patient on earth as He is in Heaven.

Do not lean too much upon others counsel. Frequently one is advised to do what they should not, and what their adviser would not think of doing. Never lean upon some one else

in matters of right or wrong, in help, and helplessness. It is always the noblest idea to be interested, alive, and awake to the work of improving, saving and making yourself necessary and needed, then you only need to be guided by your higher impulses, and then you won't have to lean on others.

Crusoe Overlooked a Bet.

That Robinson Crusoe, in spite of his well known resourcefulness, overlooked a fine business opportunity is shown by the fact that the island of his adventures, Mas-a-Tierra off the Juan Fernandez group off the coast of Chile, is now the seat of a large lobster-canning industry. Crusoe seemed to think he was doing remarkably well to pick up the necessities of life on that island—and most of them were washed ashore from a wreck at that—but its modern inhabitants do a rushing business in the export of luxuries.

Teach Children to Love Books.

Happy are the children of this day and age in that they have so many good books; in that if they cannot buy, they certainly can borrow from the public libraries. Here is one truth, a very simple truth, that all parents are under obligation to teach their children—that if they can learn to love books they can always forget the irritations of men and things; they can lay aside cares and still their passions; they can put their worries and disappointments to sleep.

Importation of Intestines.

Intestines are imported into the United States from China to the extent of nearly \$400,000 worth a year. They are used by packing houses for sausage casings. The intestines are prepared for shipping at Shanghai, Hankow, or Tientsin by being scraped, cleaned and preserved with salt and salt water, and packed in oak barrels having a capacity of 2,500 to 3,000 bundles with about 30 per cent salt. Pig intestines are exported in a dried condition.

Environment Counts.

It is well to remember that environment has much to do with achievement. Associate only with those who are full of enthusiasm and determined to succeed. Keep close to people who encourage you. Create a place in the home. Make of it a harbor of refuge, a means of escape from a work-a-day world. If you will do this, you will soon find yourself well on the road to success.—Fern Howard.

Skilled in Fine Work.

One of the trades calling for the greatest skill is the making of compasses. This work had never been undertaken by women until dilution of labor became necessary. Of the infinite number of delicate parts demanding absolute accuracy, women have succeeded in making all but two or three and even these will shortly be to their credit.

The Lucky Horseshoe.

The superstitious use of horseshoes as emblems of good luck originated in England in the seventeenth century. They were at first deemed a protection against witches and evil spirits, and were nailed on doors of houses with the curve uppermost. The custom of nailing horseshoes to ships and other sailing craft is still in vogue.

Simply Couldn't Be Done.

Mother knew several practical gifts were to be given Daniel, so she was preparing him in advance by telling him he was to be appreciative of practical gifts as well as toys. "But, mother," said the little fellow, "my appreciator isn't so big that I can be glad for shoes and such things."—Chicago Tribune.

Recognize Value of Canals.

The canal system in China is the most extensive in the world, with the possible exception of Holland. Wherever the lay of the land permits the Chinese have made a canal. Thus they are enabled to carry the product of their labor to market at a minimum expense.

Costs Money to Use Chair.

There is a "public house" in Dumfries where may be seen an old arm-chair alleged to have been invariably used by the poet Burns when he visited the place. All who sit in this chair are required to "treat" all who may be in the room at the time.

Aztec Emeralds.

Among the Aztec treasures of Mexico were found many fine emeralds. They were exquisitely cut, and it is from this source that the magnificent emeralds now forming part of the royal collection of Spain are supposed to have been taken.

It's a Lifetime Business.

The contents of the widow's cruse had quite a reputation in their day, but probably nothing else ever lasted as long as the settlement of a large estate in the hands of a competent executor.—Ohio State Journal.

To Remove Grease.

The following method, described in Popular Science Monthly, has been substituted for the use of gasoline and other light oils: Boil the parts in caustic soda lye; one pound to a gallon of water; then brush while the articles are hot. Caustic soda is recommended as better than ordinary soda, since it causes the fat or grease to dissolve more quickly.

Taboo.

When anything is forbidden, or its exclusion is ordered, English-speaking people sometimes say it is "taboo." The word is derived from a custom once common in Polynesia and New Zealand. It signifies something set apart or prohibited because of its being either sacred or accursed. The system originated in a superstitious dread of the invisible powers of evil.

For Outdoor Chess Games.

Chessmen, which range from two to three and one-half feet in height, made of aluminum, collapsible, and packed in a special trunk, have been given to the library of the University of Wisconsin. A Milwaukee man, now dead, designed them for use in public contests, on large indoor or outdoor chess boards, with a view to increasing popular interest in the game.

Step Higher Up.

If all our actions and motives in daily life could be actuated by a subconscious and all-pervading idea of fitting ourselves as we go along step by step for figurative letters of recommendation as to our ability to capably hold the next trench ahead, how surely, would our foes of slackness, dilatoriness and incompetence be routed.

Easily Arranged.

A woman invited Ed to come and see her. He asked if she had a little boy to play with him, and she said no. He then asked if she would like to have a little boy, and when she said yes Ed replied: "My mamma will tell stork that brought me to her to bring you a little boy."

Give Plants Air and Light.

If potted plants are set in jardiniere, be sure no water stands in them and that the jardiniere is large enough to permit of circulation of air around it. Plants need light, pure air, and cleanliness as much as human beings.

Fidelity in Small Things.

Fidelity in small things is at the base of every great achievement. We too often forget this, and yet no truth needs more to be kept in mind, particularly in the troubled eras of history and in the crises of individual life.—Charles Wagner.

Presidents in Country's History.

Martin Van Buren, the eighth president, was the first president born after we had declared our independence of England, and John Tyler was the first born after the formation of the United States.

Think It Over.

Upon the basis that every grain of wheat will produce 50, a German mathematician has figured that the third-year progeny of a single grain would feed 300 men.

1,000,000 Gallons a Day.

The daily consumption of gasoline and distillate by the 344,000 motor vehicles operated in California is approximately 1,000,000 gallons.—Indianapolis News.

Roman Pears.

Pliny tells us that in his day, the Romans cultivated 32 varieties of pears.

Velocity of Light.

The velocity of light was obtained by the Danish astronomer Roemer in 1676, by observing the eclipses of Jupiter's moons. When the earth was nearest to Jupiter, the eclipse appeared about eight and one-half minutes too soon for the calculations, and when the earth was most remote from Jupiter, they were about eight and one-half minutes too late. Roemer concluded the reason to be that it required 17 minutes for light from the planet to traverse the diameter of the earth's orbit, which measured the difference of the distances of the earth from Jupiter. This calculation has since been verified, and proves that light travels about 186,000 miles a second.

It Would Be a Picture.

Picture—if you can—the baffled and crestfallen expression on the face of a plumber who has just received his first bill for automobile repairs from a confirmed garage man.—Buffalo Express.

What a Great Man Wrote.

Jacob A. Rilla, the great man of a few years ago, once said that some defects are merely installments of victory. Look upon defeats in this way and take fresh courage to begin again.

Daily Thought.

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.—Emerson.

The Profitable Nickel.

Like the humble cent, the increased coinage of which was recently mentioned in this column, the nickel is in greater demand than ever. That is fortunate, for the face value of these "token coins" is so much greater than the value of the metal they contain that the profit in manufacturing them, together with a slight profit in manufacturing the minor silver coins, more than meets the entire running expenses of the mint.—Youth's Companion.

Why Diamond is Prized.

of practical uses the diamond is not quite destitute—it is, for instance, the best of all abrasives—but these practical uses have almost or quite nothing to do with its popular esteem. That rests first on the poor claims established by cost and scarcity, and second, on the survival in human beings of the ancient and savage delight in hanging about and fastening to the body bits of stone and metal that are brightly colored or shiny.

Australian Pearls.

Pearls that come from the coast of Australia are of many shapes and colors. Those under ten grains are sold by the ounce, above that by the grain. Color has a deal to do with the value. The white pearls go mostly to Europe and the yellow ones to India. In Australia an ounce of good white pearls will fetch up to £100, but sometimes realize only a fifth of that amount. The yellow pearls may be rated on an average of about half the value of the white ones.

Politeness Pays.

A mathematician has figured out that the telephone company loses 125 hours of work every day through the use of the word "please" by operators, and yet it pays.

Items of Interest.

Ping—"Does the comedian strike you as funny?" Pong—"Nary a bit. He struck me for a ten yesterday and I couldn't see the joke."

Uncle Eben.

"Many a man," said Uncle Eben, "turns over a new leaf an' den puts de same of w'ritin' on it."

Daily Thought.

So far as anyone shuns evil, so far he does good.—Swedenborg.

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